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Title: **METHODS FOR RAPID DETECTION AND IDENTIFICATION OF BIOAGENTS IN EPIDEMIOLOGICAL AND FORENSIC INVESTIGATIONS**

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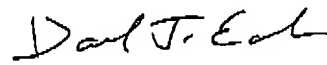
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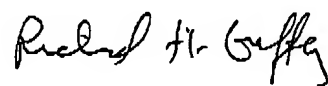
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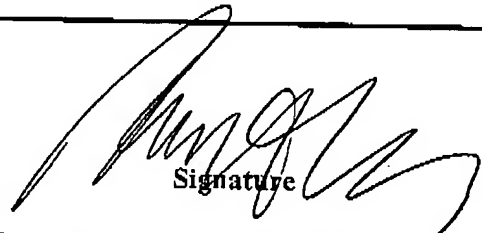
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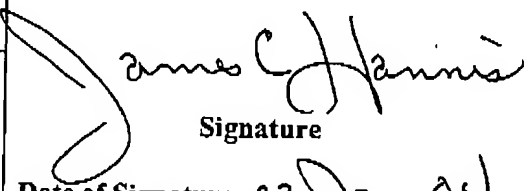
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